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MEMORANDUM

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TO : Colonel John A. Brown, USAF  
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Assistant Secretary of Defense  
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FROM : Frank M. Machak, Director  
Office of Freedom of Information,  
Privacy, and Classification Review

SUBJECT : Referral Documents

The attached 209 documents retrieved from State Department files pursuant to the Senate Select Committee request on POW/MIAs are either DOD documents or have DOD equities involved.

(a) Two hundred-eight are DOD documents, with or without State equities, to which we have no objection to full release.

(b) One is a DOD document for which State recommends release with an excision as indicated.

There are also 18 duplicates of documents in this package.

In transmitting DOD documents for release to the Senate Select Committee, please inform the Committee staff that the documents are from the Department of State "Sieverts" file.

If you have any questions, please call (202) 647-3235 or (202) 647-3243, and cite the case number shown above.

Attachments:

Two hundred-nine documents plus 18 duplicates as stated  
Document list

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
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Honorable Dean Rusk  
Secretary of State  
Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Dean:

The attached proposed statement for use by the President in emphasizing publicly the Government's concern over evidence of maltreatment of U.S. prisoners of war held in North Vietnam is forwarded for your consideration.

There is no doubt that the public evidence of mistreatment of our personnel, in the form of the April 7, 1967, Life Magazine article concerning the treatment of Lieutenant Commander Richard Stratton, USN, and the recent Columbia Broadcasting System TV news film of Air Force Lieutenant Colonels Gordon A. Larson and James L. Hughes and Captain James R. Shively, has evoked an initial response. Ambassador Harriman's statement published in conjunction with the Life Magazine article and the other actions your department has taken have served to exploit this evidence to try to create conditions in which U.S. prisoners will not be further mistreated. In furtherance of this effort we believe that a statement by the President, issued separately or in conjunction with other comments regarding the conflict in Vietnam, would be appropriate and useful. From our standpoint such a statement would both act as a morale stimulant to our fighting men and their dependents and emphasize to the Government of North Vietnam, and to the world at large, the importance we place on the welfare of captured Americans.

We recognize the delicacy involved in diplomatic negotiations on behalf of our personnel. Subject to your judgment as to its effectiveness, I recommend that a statement along the lines of the attached draft be considered for use by the President at the earliest appropriate time.

Sincerely,

Paul

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